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SIR:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the term for response to which expires on January 19, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 12 and 23 are amended, and claims 2-11, 13-22 and 24-36 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.